

Health Home Learning Collaborative

Peer & Family Support

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Learning Objectives

- Learn about the history of Peer Support both nationally and within Iowa
- Learn about the variety of ways that Peer and Family Support can be utilized within an IHH Team
- Learn about resources and support available for Peer and Family Support

Background

Definitions

“A Peer Support Specialist is a trained professional with lived experience of mental health and/or substance use recovery offering non-clinical support to persons with mental health, substance use, and/or trauma related challenges.”

“A Family Support Specialists is a trained professional with lived experience of being the parent or primary caregiver of a child with a SED Diagnosis.”

Peer & Family Support Background

- Long tradition among AA community, and those with cancer, heart disease, grief communities, etc.
- An Evidence Based Practice
- 1915 B-3 Medicaid billable service for members enrolled in Managed Care
- Core service in the Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) Regions
- Iowa started training Family\Peer Specialists in 2005

Unique Role of Family & Peer Support

- Demonstrate the reality of Recovery through their lived experience inspiring hope
- Strengthen natural supports and connection to the community
- Role model personal responsibility, self care, and other wellness tools
- Combat discrimination/stigma

System Level Benefits of Peer Support

- Low barrier & economical service
- Expands community-based services
- Less Inpatient & ER use
- Helps identify gaps in service system
- Reduces strain on overburdened workforce
- Supports re-entry into workforce

Where Is Peer Support Offered?

Currently

- Community Mental Health Centers
- Wellness Centers
- Mobile Crisis
- Warm Line
- Peer-run Respite
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams
- Integrated Health Homes
- Access Centers

The Future

- Hospitals (ERs & Inpatient Units)
- Residential Care Facilities (RCFs)
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- Law enforcement
- Prisons & Jails

Is there Peer or Family Support offered in your community outside of the IHH?

Within an IHH

Comprehensive Care Management

Peer Support Specialist or Family Support Specialist may assist contribute information to support the Comprehensive Assessment or Person-Centered Plan.

Care Coordination

Peer Support Specialist or Family Support Specialist may assist with the following Care Coordination services:

- Outreach
- Follow-up monitoring
- Assist the member to schedule appointments
- Attending joint staffing treatment meetings
- Support coordination of care with providers and specialist

Health Promotion

Peer support specials may assist with this service through peer lead programs, i.e. Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP).

Comprehensive Transitional Care

Peer support specialist may assist with this service through peer lead programs service activities include, but are not limited to:

- Engage member and/or caregiver as an alternative to emergency room or hospital care
- Participate in development of crisis plans (WRAP)
- Monitor for potential crisis escalation/need for intervention
- Follow-up phone calls and face-to-face visits with members/families after discharge from the emergency room or hospital

Individual and Family Support

Peer Support or Family Peer Support Specialist, may assist with the following individual and Family support services:

- Providing assistance to members in accessing needed self-help and peer/family peer support services
- Advocacy for members and families
- Family support services for members and their families
- Assisting members to identify and develop social support networks
- Support medication adherence efforts
- Identifying community resources that will help members and their families reduce barriers to their highest level of health and success
- Linkage and support for community resources, insurance assistance, waiver services
- Connection to peer advocacy groups, family support networks, wellness centers, NAMI and family psycho educational programs

Referral to Community and Social Support Services

Peer Support Specialist or Family Support Specialist

- Support the member to participate in social supports

How do you use Peer and Family Support?

Resources

WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan)

- Created by a person with lived experience
- Evidence Based Practice
- Leverages Peer Support
- Crisis & Post Crisis Planning
- Life Connections provides training in Iowa
- In the SPA, an example of increasing health literacy and self-management skills (Health Promotion)

www.mentalhealthrecovery.com/wrap-is

<https://lifeconnectionsrecovery.org/program-services/wrap>

U of I Peer Support Training

- Training for Adult & Family Support Specialists
- Supervisor Training
- Workforce Development

<https://iowapeersupporttraining.org/>

Todd Lange

- Email\Phone\Video consultation
- Peer Support Resource Kit
- Peer Support Inventory
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Are there resources that you could use?

Questions?

Thank you!